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FROM AMBASSADOR MCGUIRE TO AMBASSADOR HECK

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SUBJ: NIGER-MALI RELATIONS-MALIAN NOMADS

1. I READ WITH INTEREST YOUR CABLE ON THE MALI REFUGEES IN NIGER AND I FULLY CONCUR WITH YOUR COMMENT THAT TRI-PARTITE APPROACH INVOLVING TWO GOVTS AND UNHCR MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEM.

2. OUR REPEATED VISITS THIS YEAR TO REFUGEE CAMPS MALI'S SIXTH REGION INDICATE THAT THEY ARE WELL-RUN AND WE HAVE NEVER UNCOVERED ANY EVIDENCE OF MALI GOVT MISTREATMENT TUAREGS AS SOME PRESS REPORTS CONTINUE TO CHARGE (HENRY KAMM'S ARTICLE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE). ON THE CONTRARY LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE FOR EXAMPLE PROBABLY HIGHER IN REFUGEE CAMPS THAN AMONG GENERAL POPULATION. WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT PRESENCE LARGE NUMBERS MALI REFUGEES NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES NOT DUE TO ANY GOM POLICY BUT RATHER INVOLVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VARIOUS FACTORS SOME POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH TUAREG

REBELLION EARLY SIXTIES, BUT PROBABLY MORE GENERALLY
RELATED TO NORMAL NOMADIC DISPLACEMENTS THROUGHOUT
SUB-SAHARA NOW AFFECTED BY DROUGHT.

3. WOULD BE INTERESTED YOUR COMMENTS THIS ANALYSIS
PARTICULARLY WHETHER YOU BELIEVE PRESENCE MALI NOMADS
NIGER IS LARGELY DROUGHT-RELATED OR POLICY-RELATED
AS SOME HAVE ALLEGED.
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